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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, said applicator comprising:
 - (a) a first side having a first internal surface and a first external surface;
 - (b) a second side having a second internal surface and a second external surface; and
 - (c) a flexible film dosing reservoir comprising a resealable channel in fluid communication with said reservoir, said reservoir containing a product and having a predetermined weak region, said reservoir being disposed between said first internal surface of said first side and said second internal surface of said second side, said product being releasable from said reservoir through said resealable channel and through said first side to said target surface by an application of pressure to said reservoir.
2. (Previously Presented) The applicator of claim 1, wherein a first substantially fluid-imperious barrier layer is located between said reservoir and said second internal surface of said second side.
3. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said applicator is selected from the group consisting of gloves, mitts, pads, and wipes.
4. (Original) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir is rupturable.

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5. (Previously Presented) The applicator of Claim 4, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir is rendered rupturable by a frangible seal.

6. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim 5, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir is ~~folded~~ foldable proximate to said frangible seal.

7. (Previously Presented) The applicator of Claim 6, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir has a first burst force when said reservoir is folded and a second burst force when said reservoir is unfolded, said first burst force being greater than said second burst force.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The applicator of Claim [[9]] 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir further comprises a distribution head in fluid communication with said ~~distal end of said distribution~~ resealable channel through which said product is released from said reservoir to said first side.

11. (Previously Presented) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir further comprises a plurality of compartments, each of said compartments containing a product, said plurality of compartments being adapted to provide at least one function, wherein said function is selected from the group consisting of mixing, multiple dispensing, and sequential dispensing.

12. (Original) The applicator of Claim 5, wherein said frangible seal has at least one stress concentrator.

13. (Previously Presented) The applicator of Claim 2, further comprising a second substantially fluid-impervious barrier layer disposed between said first barrier layer and said second internal surface.

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14. (Original) The applicator of Claim 13, further comprising a second flexible film dosing reservoir containing a second product.

15. (Previously Presented) The applicator of claim 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir comprises a material capable of varying seal strengths.

16. (Previously Presented) The applicator of claim 1, wherein said first side is a substantially non-absorbent material.

17. (Original) The applicator of claim 1 wherein said second side is a substantially absorbent material.

18. (Previously Presented) The applicator of claim 1, further comprising a friction enhancing element located on at least one of said first and second sides.

19. (Previously Presented) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said at least one of said first and second sides is textured.

20. (Original) The applicator of Claim 1, wherein said flexible film dosing reservoir is located to avoid inadvertent dispensing.

21. (Previously Presented) The applicator of claim 1, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of: window cleaning compounds, bathroom cleaning compounds, kitchen cleaning compounds, furniture dusting and polishing compounds, body cleaning compounds, teeth cleaning compounds, car vinyl protectant compounds, herbicide compounds, skin lotion compounds, and baby clean-up compounds.

22. (Original) The applicator of claim 1, further comprising a temperature-changing element.

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23. (Previously Presented) The applicator of claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and second sides comprises one or more removable layers.

24. (Previously Presented) A method for forming an applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, wherein said applicator comprises a first side, a second side, a first fluid-containing flexible film dosing reservoir, and a dispensing aperture associated with said flexible film dosing reservoir and through which said fluid is selectively distributed to at least one of said first and second sides, said method comprising the steps of:

- providing a first web corresponding to one of the first and second sides;
- providing a second web corresponding to the other of said first and second sides;
- placing said first fluid-containing flexible film dosing reservoir in a predetermined location between said first and second webs;
- securing the flexible film dosing reservoir relative to the webs; and,
- cutting the applicator in a desired outline shape from the balance of the respective webs to define said applicator.

25. (Currently Amended) An applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, said applicator comprising:

- (a) a first side having a first internal surface and a first external surface;
- (b) a second side having a second internal surface and a second external surface;
- (c) a rupturable laminate film reservoir comprising a resealable channel in fluid communication with said reservoir, said reservoir containing a product, said reservoir being disposed between said first internal surface of said first side and said second internal surface of said second side, said product being releasable from said reservoir through said resealable channel through said first side to said target surface via an application of pressure to said reservoir; and,
- (d) a flow restriction layer disposed between said reservoir and said first external surface.

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26. (Previously Presented) The applicator of Claim 25, wherein said reservoir is a flexible film reservoir.

27. (Previously Presented) The applicator of Claim 25, wherein said applicator is selected from the group consisting of a glove, a mitt, a pad and a wipe.

28. (Previously Presented) The applicator of Claim 25, said applicator further comprising a substantially fluid-impervious barrier layer disposed between said rupturable reservoir and said second internal surface.

29. (Previously Presented) An applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, said applicator comprising:

- (a) a first substrate; and,
- (b) a flexible film dosing reservoir comprising at least one frangible seal, said reservoir containing a product, said reservoir being disposed adjacent to said first substrate, said product being sequentially releasable to said first substrate via multiple applications of pressure to said reservoir.

30. (Previously Presented) An applicator for distributing a substance onto a target surface, said applicator comprising:

- (a) a first substrate;
- (b) a reservoir containing a product, said reservoir being disposed adjacent to said first substrate and having at least one weak region having a comparatively low burst force, said product being sequentially released to said first substrate via multiple applications of pressure to said reservoir; and,
- (c) a flow restriction layer disposed between said reservoir and said first substrate.